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Town Officers for 1887.

TOWN CLERK—Jesse Allen.

SELECTMEN—C. H. Parker, D. R. Dean, L. N. Haskell.

ASSESSORS—D. R. Dean, S. H. Bullard, H. W. Lincoln.

OVERSEERS OF POOR—Jesse Allen, H. P. Austin, W. M. Robinson.

COLLECTOR—F. S. Conant.

TREASURER—S. M. Sargeant.

CONSTABLES—C. H. Parker, C. B. Caldwell, C. P. Hill.

AUDITOR—N. W. Packard.

FENCE VIEWERS—Jesse Allen, Wm. S. Spear, A. C. Bullard.

FIELD DRIVER—Jason A. Allen.

POUND KEEPER—George N. Briggs.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER—D. R. Dean, W. P. Adams, D. M. Parker.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK—D. M. Parker, Jesse Allen, John
N. Morse, W. P. Adams.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, THREE YEARS—Henry P. Austin.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS—H. P. Austin, L. N. Haskell.

Report of the Selectmen.

In accordance with custom we beg leave to submit the following report of our doings for the year ending March 1st, 1888 :

TOWN CLERK.

Paid town clerk for services,	\$18 55	
Express and postage,	5 12	\$23 67

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	\$50 00	
“ “ stationery and postage,	5 02	\$55 02

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services,	\$67 80	\$67 80
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SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services,	\$65 00	
“ “ postage,	32	\$65 32

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid School Committee for services,	\$72 50	\$72 50
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SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of the Poor,	\$1245 39	\$1245 39
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Wm. M. Thompson, ringing bell,	\$36 00	
A. Prouty, bell rope and lamp shades,	5 62	
L. P. Lovell, discount on taxes,	2 65	
Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	6 30	
George E. Allen, for Road Machine,	258 00	
B. & A. R. R., freight on Road Machine,	5 10	
H. J. Lawrence, printing,	20 75	
Abatement of taxes,	15 50	
James Packard, painting Memorial Hall,	23 50	
J. W. Ayres, " " "	23 80	
M. O. Ayres, white lead for Memorial Hall,	22 24	
N. W. Packard, oil and glass for "	14 72	
W. S. Crawford, making and erecting guide boards,	40 00	
D. M. Parker, lumber for guide boards,	10 34	
W. S. Crawford, making and painting black-boards,	22 00	
W. S. Crawford, repairing wheel to town bell,	1 50	
L. P. DeLand, to cost in Fuller case,	48 00	
County tax,	254 00	
George H. Temple, Memorial Day,	7 87	
L. N. Haskell, grading around Memorial Hall building,	4 00	
State Tax,	427 50	
F. S. Conant, discount on taxes,	222 90	
E. L. Sawyer, certificates of births,	6 50	
L. P. Lovell, express and postage,	1 10	
Rice, King & Rice, counsel and services,	25 00	
A. J. Holden, lighting street lamps,	24 46	
Coldbrook Improvement Society, lighting street lamps,	52 00	
A. J. Holden, care Memorial Hall,	10 00	
A. J. Holden, repairs on Memorial Hall,	9 75	
Expense of selling Central Mass. R. R. stock,	15 00	
Loring Bros., repairs on scraper,	3 00	
Interest on note to Commonwealth,	628 75	
Principal on note to Commonwealth,	7000 00	\$9220 85

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid for Center District,	\$499 42	
Coldbrook District,	230 32	
West " "	195 64	
South " "	216 90	
School books and stationery,	45 60	\$1187 88

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid H. P. Austin,	\$400 00	
L. N. Haskell,	299 34	\$699 34

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Michael Gaffney,	\$18 40	
John E. Stone,	9 53	
James Tomlinson,	6 70	
Elbridge Mullett,	16 17	
E. F. Parmenter,	6 16	
William O. Keep,	19 29	
H. D. Bullard,	7 61	
Peter White,	23 92	
H. W. Lincoln,	12 07	
Sylvester Haskell,	23 10	
S. J. Foster,	33 46	
M. S. Dean,	11 33	
S. H. Bullard,	8 59	
W. H. Nye,	22 30	\$218 63

STATE AID.

Paid E. Mullett, guardian for Charlotte Mullett,	\$48 00	
Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	
Harriet V. Parmenter,	48 00	
George E. Reed,	6 00	\$150 00

SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER.

S. M. SARGEANT, TREASURER.

DR.

To balance in Treasury Nov. 1, 1887,	\$1997 88	
cash from L. P. Lovell,	2 00	
“ sale 75 shares C. M. R. R. stock at $27\frac{1}{8}$,	2034 38	
“ sale 100 shares C. M. R. R. at $31\frac{1}{4}$,	3125 00	
“ Benj. P. Clark, $\frac{3}{4}$ of liquor license,	168 75	
“ use of Memorial Hall,	19 20	
“ M. O. Ayres, insurance,	9 67	
“ from sale of grass on common,	3 25	
“ Corporation tax,	14 00	
“ National Bank tax,	9 93	
“ State aid,	144 00	
“ dog fund,	140 24	
“ borrowed of Spencer Savings bank,	1000 00	
“ interest on money received from sale of C. M. R. R. stock,	39 85	
“ sale school books 1887,	2 37	
“ State tax,	427 50	
Carried up,		\$9,138 02

	Brought up,		\$9,138 02
To cash from	County tax,	\$254 00	
“	town tax,	5020 00	
“	overlayings,	114 85	
“	support of state paupers,	36 00	
“	school fund,	307 31	\$5,732 16
			\$14,870 18

1888.

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By paying Selectmen's orders,	\$13,006 40	
uncollected taxes due from L. P. Lovell,	170 88	
uncollected taxes due from F. S. Conant,	1291 35	
cash,	401 55	\$14,870 18

Indebtedness of the Town to the Commonwealth,	\$5000 00
“ “ “ “ Spencer Savings Bank,	1000 00
	\$6000 00

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.

To State tax,	\$ 427 50	
County tax,	254 00	
Town tax,	5020 00	
Overlaying,	114 85	\$5,816 85

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By treasurer's receipts,	\$4,525 00
Uncollected taxes,	1,291 85
	\$5,816 85

F. S. CONANT, Collector.

Respectfully Submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,	}	SELECTMEN
DAVID R. DEAN,		OF
LEWIS N. HASKELL,		OAKHAM.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

OF THE TOWN OF OAKHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1888.

Received of the town for support of the Poor,	\$1245 39	\$1245 39
Which we account for as follows:		
Paid State Lunatic Hospital, for board, custody		
and treatment of Eunice M. Walker,	169 75	169 75
Same for Benjamin Nurss,	187 85	187 85
Susan M. Thresher, for Lyman Crawford,	156 00	
“ clothing for same.	11 20	167 20
Susan M. Thresher, for Lydia Chamberlain,	104 00	104 00
Susan M. Thresher, for Moses Bartlett,	35 00	
H. P. Austin, for Moses Bartlett,	34 50	
“ clothing for same,	8 74	78 24
Zebina L. Winslow, for Rassela's Winslow,	208 00	
“ clothing for same,	3 10	211 10
William Mandell, for Almira Woodis,	104 00	104 00
C. H. Parker, for Mrs. Hannah E. Mundell		
and child,	55 59	
H. D. Bullard, milk for same,	6 75	
D. M. Parker, wood for same,	8 75	
Dr. G. F. A. Spencer, medical attendance on		
same,	11 50	82 59
Town of Spencer, for John Bartlett and family,	12 00	12 00
For keeping twenty-one tramps,	15 75	15 75
John Gaffney, for board and care of Patrick		
Donnovan, (State Pauper)	12 00	12 00
Dr. E. L. Sawyer, medical attendance,	35 50	35 50
Page Austin, postage, stationery and services,	9 09	9 09
N. W. Packard, for sundries,	14 72	14 72
Overseers for ordinary services,	30 00	30 00
Overseers, travelling expenses, stationery		
and postage,	11 60	11 60
	\$1,245 39	\$1,245 39

Due from the Commonwealth for care and medical attendance of Patrick Donovan (State Pauper), \$ 36 00 \$ 36 00

Due the town for aid given Mrs. Hannah E. Mundell and child, 126 17 126 17

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
H. P. AUSTIN,
W. M. ROBINSON, } Overseers
of the Poor.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Treasurer for the year ending March 1st, 1888, and find them correct. N. W. PACKARD, Auditor.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN OAKHAM, IN 1887.

BIRTHS. •

Jan.	6.	Son to	Stephen Barr.
Mar.	8.	Daughter to	George E. Thresher.
"	20.	Son to	John E. Stone.
"	23.	Son to	Abram Mann.
"	31.	Daughter to	Wm. Wallace Grimes.
June	3.	Daughter to	Louis Gouley.
June	12.	Daughter to	Elihu L. Sawyer, M. D.
July	3.	Son to	W. Prescott Adams.
"	20.	Daughter to	Patrick Tuohy.
"	24.	Son to	Frank Burt.
Aug.	12.	Daughter to	Edwin A. Stone.
Sept.	5.	Daughter to	Charles McClennathan.
Nov.	7.	Son to	Hubert Dwelly.
"	8.	Daughter to	D. Mildmay Parker.
"	10.	Son to	N. Wendell Packard.
Dec.	1.	Daughter to	John Haire.

Total, 16.

MARRIAGES.

Mar.	10.	Herbert E. Bush to	Carrie V. Prouty.
Aug.	16.	Charles N. Monroe to	Katie Cody.
"	26.	Patrick Tobin to	Mrs. Nellie Powers.
Nov.	1.	Wm. Mirick Presho to	Jennie E. Davis.
"	24.	Walter R. Dean to	Nellie L. Tracy.

Total, 5.

DEATHS.

1887.				YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
Feb.	3.	Frank K. Packard,		25	8	29
Mar.	11.	Mrs. Susan H. Warner,		66	8	5
Mar.	15.	Dwight Bullard,		63	1	9
Mar.	24.	Cheney Rockwood Bothwell,		5	2	8
Apr.	26.	Mrs. Melissa Crawford,		90	9	12
Apr.	13.	Joseph Mann,		0	0	21
Apr.	16.	Paul Caldwell,		0	11	15
May	21.	Almer E. Haire,		0	6	12
June	13.	Daniel Towne,		80	8	15
Aug.	8.	Mrs. Ellen Sheen,		74		
Aug.	30.	Henry E. Mandell,		57	8	3
				Total, 11.		

BURIED IN TOWN.

Mar.	30.	David S. Ross,	37	4	25
Apr.	1.	John Stoddard,	50	1	
June	1.	Susan S. Dean,	33	2	18
				Total, 3.	

JESSE ALLEN, Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Bond.

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents, that we, Stephen M. Sargeant of Oakham, County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, as principal, and Henry P. Austin and Jesse Allen both of said Oakham, as sureties, are holden and stand firmly bound unto the inhabitants of said Oakham in the sum of five thousand dollars, to the payment of which to the said inhabitants, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators. The condition of the obligation is such that, whereas the said Stephen M. Sargeant has been duly elected Treasurer of the above-named town of Oakham, and has accepted said office, now therefore, if the said Stephen M. Sargeant shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during the term for which he has been elected, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue. In witness whereof we hereunto set our hands and seals this second day of April, A. D. 1887.

Signed and sealed in the
presence of

F. S. CONANT.
G. F. CONANT.

{ STEPHEN M. SARGEANT.
HENRY P. AUSTIN.
JESSE ALLEN.

Collector's Bond.

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents, that we, F. S. Conant of Oakham, County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, as principal, and Sanford Bullard and G. F. Conant both of said Oakham, as surities, are holden and stand firmly bound unto the inhabitants of said Oakham in the sum of three thousand dollars, to the payment of which to the said inhabitants we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators. The condition of the obligation is such that, whereas the said F. S. Conant has been duly elected Collector of the above-named town and has accepted said office, now therefore, if the said F. S. Conant shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during the term for which he has been elected, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue. In witness whereof we hereunto set our hands and seals this twentieth day of August, A. D. 1887.

Signed and sealed in the
presence of

D. R. DEAN.
HORACE W. LINCOLN.

{ F. S. CONANT.
SANFORD H. BULLARD.
G. F. CONANT.

School Report.

The School Committee of the Town of Oakham submit to its citizens the following report of schools for the year ending April 1st, 1888 :

DR.

Amount appropriated for support of schools by the town,	\$850 00
Received from state school fund,	307 31
Dog tax returned to the town for support of schools,	140 24
Total for the support of schools,	\$1,297 55

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The expenses of the several schools were as follows :

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid W. L. Goodspeed, spring term,	\$60 00
“ “ fall term,	60 00
J. O. H. Lovell, winter term,	65 00
Fuel and care of house,	27 75
	\$212 75

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Lilla Vinton,	\$16 00
Ina M. Thompson, spring term,	62 40
“ “ fall term,	80 00
“ “ winter term,	51 20
Fuel and care of house,	18 10
	\$227 70

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid J. H. Orzina Lovell, spring term,	\$66 00
“ “ fall term,	44 40
H. M. Hunt, winter term,	78 00
Fuel and care of house,	4 00
	\$192 40

CENTER SCHOOL, PRIMARY.

Amount paid Mrs. Minnie L. Woodis, spring term,	\$60 00
“ “ spring term,	60 00
“ “ winter term,	65 00
	\$185 00

CENTER SCHOOL, GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Florence I. Sargeant, spring term,	\$70 00
Julia L. Wilson, fall term,	80 00
H. E. Richardson, winter term,	100 00
Fuel and care of house,	64 42
Amount for Center Schools,	\$499 42
Total expenses of teachers, care of houses, and fuel	\$1132 27

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

South, paid Deacon Packard,	\$ 1 25
West, paid Fred Reed,	1 44
Coldbrook, paid Rogene Parker	2 62
Center, paid W. S. Crawford, for blackboards,	22 00
“ Fred Reed glass and work,	40

TEXT BOOKS FOR USE OF SCHOOLS.

Cash value of school books and school supplies belonging to the town, April 1, 1887, was \$203.33 besides the books and supplies in use.

Bought during the year, F. S. Conant,	\$ 3 62
Charles H. Whiting,	14 57
A. C. Stockin,	14 58
Adams & Ingraham,	3 46
Solon Bryant,	58
	\$33 81

School supplies on hand Feb. 1, 1888, amounted to \$152.49, \$50.84 less than last year, this added to \$33.81 gives \$84.65, cost of school supplies for the past year. We have employed Mr. F. S. Conant to take charge of the school supplies during the past year at an expense of \$8.85.

Total expenses of schools during the past year,	\$1244 63
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Due School Committee for services the past year—

Jesse Allen,	\$40 50
H. P. Austin,	10 00
L. P. Lovell,	30 00

We might report of the success attending each teacher and find much to commend, but we fail to see the good to be accomplished by so doing. Success has been very marked in all and we believe satisfaction very general. But little has been expended during the past year in repairs and the same may be said for several years. There are some repairs, necessary to be made. The plastering is off from Coldbrook house quite badly, and it is considerable trouble and expense to replace it. We think it would be better, if the room could be sheathed overhead, the desks in the Center should be varnished; it preserves them so much. We recommend that \$50.00 be appropriated for this purpose, and the same be raised for schools as last year,—\$850. While we are making ample provision for our schools, we would call attention to the great number of days of absence from school as shown by our School Registers. Two thousand five hundred and seventy-eight absent marks have been recorded by our teachers for the year 1887. Doubtless in many instances this absence has been unavoidable. But we can but believe that with a little more exertion, especially on the part of parents, this serious evil could for the most part, be done away with. A scholar who is often absent from school, or tardy in his attendance, soon loses his interest in his studies, and, as a result, his own progress therein is greatly hindered, and the whole school is, in many ways, injured thereby. We have many scholars in our schools who have been for many terms, without an absent or tardy mark registered against their names. Such boys and girls always become our best scholars, and the formation of such habits will contribute very much to their success in after life.

During the winter, Scarlet Fever has prevailed in Coldbrook Village, in a mild form. The school was much broken up thereby, and at the end of about six weeks it was thought best to close the term.

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows :

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	18	Average attendance,	15.5
Fall " " " "	18	" "	16
Winter " " " "	18	" "	11.5

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	31	Average attendance,	22
Fall " " " "	32	" "	28
Winter " " " "	24	" "	14

WEST SCHOOL.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	20	Average attendance,	17
Fall " " " "	22	" "	17
Winter " " " "	14	" "	10

CENTER—No. 1.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	20	Average attendance,	17.5
Fall " " " "	28	" "	25.5
Winter " " " "	31	" "	27

CENTER—No. 2.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	20	Average attendance,	18.5
Fall " " " "	27	" "	25
Winter " " " "	17	" "	14

The attendance in all the schools has been as follows :

Spring term, whole number,	109	Average attendance,	90.5
Fall " " "	127	" "	111.5
Winter " " "	104	" "	84.5

Roll of Honor.

Names of Scholars neither Absent nor Tardy:—

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

TWO TERMS—Virgil Parker, Dell Parker, Henry Butterfield, Bertie Butterfield. ONE TERM—Martin Brooks, Blanche Caldwell, Charles Clark, Ethel Brooks.

CENTER SCHOOLS.

THREE TERMS—Eldora E. Sargeant. TWO TERMS—Jessie M. Davis, Jennie D. Leonard. ONE TERM—Bertha C. Lovell, Clarence E. Dean, Carrie L. Winter, Minnie Dean, Chester Leonard.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

TWO TERMS—Florence Bothwell, Alcide Latoune, Charles Latoune. ONE TERM—Eugene Sanders, Leon Sanders, Jane Brook, Lottie Weld, Lena Dwelly.

WEST SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Mabel Austin, Maggie Currie. TWO TERMS—Lester W. Knight, Justin E. Rawson, Edith C. Adams, Alice T. White, Clifford R. Knight, Richard B. Adams. ONE TERM—Leon H. Adams, Lester W. Knight, Warren P. Adams, Mary King.

JESSE ALLEN,	}	School Committee.
L. P. LOVELL,		
H. P. AUSTIN,		

OAKHAM TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the Constables of the town of Oakham in the County of Worcester. GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as Memorial Hall, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit :

ART. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2d. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and to act thereon.

ART. 3d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 5th. To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 6th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors nominated by the selectmen.

ART. 7th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 8th. To determine the manner of repairing highways the ensuing year.

ART. 9th. To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the town hall and ring the church bell, the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 10th. To bring in their ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town."

ART. 11th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and team in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. 12th. To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART. 13th. To determine the manner of supporting paupers the ensuing year.

ART. 14th. To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps in the Center Village and in Coldbrook Village, the ensuing year, or take any vote relating thereto.

ART. 15th. To see if the town will grant to the Oakham Farmers' and Mechanics' Club the use of the town common and town hall for their exhibition in September next.

ART. 16th. To see if the town will vote to adopt any measures for the better protection of their public records, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 17th. To see if the town will vote to pay the Barre Fire Department the sum of one hundred dollars for services rendered at the fire in Coldbrook, April 14th, 1887.

ART. 18th. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the road from Coldbrook to the station on the Central Mass. Railroad, also the mill road leading to said station, or if thought advisable to build a new road from said station to a point between the Coldbrook House and the house of G. L. Ripley, instead of rebuilding the others, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices, and one at the Congregational meeting house in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

CLARENCE H. PARKER,	}	Selectmen of Oakham.
DAVID R. DEAN,		
LEWIS N. HASKELL,		

